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1. RESOLUTION DEBATED IN PLENARY THIS MORNING WAS REVISED VERSION RESOLUTION PROVIDED YOU REF(A). WE ABLE TO CONVINCE SPONSORS TO AMEND FURTHER WITH REGARD OPERATIVE PARA 1(A) AS PROPOSED REF(B), BUT UNSUCCESSFUL RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4. ADDITIONALLY, AUSTRALIA PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARA 3. REVISED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED PASSED BY SONSENSUS.

2. BESIDES U.S. 16 DELEGATIONS SPOKE TO ISSUE, FOR MOST PART ENDORSING FAO REPORT AND CONCEPT FERTILIZER POOL. ZAMBIA, CHILE, MALI AND LIBERIA NOTED THAT WITH REGARD OPERATIVE PARA 4 THAT SOME RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GET INTO THE FERTILIZER BUSINESS THEMSELVES, NOT JUST ASSISTING COUNTRIES ALREADY IN THE BUSINESS IMPROVE THEIR PRODUCTION. IN RESPONSE THIS POINT INDIA (WHICH HAD INTRODUCED UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOLUTION) IN HELPFUL INTERVENTION POINTED OUT THAT

RESOLUTION WAS DIRECTED AT EMERGENCY MEASURES AND NOT THE MEDIUM OR LONG-TERM; AND THAT INDIA ALONG WITH CO-SPONSORS (DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, JAMAICA, KENYA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA) PLANNED AT SOME APPROPRIATE TIME TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION OF MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE IN FERTILIZER PRODUCTION.

3. REVISED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1836 (LVI) OF 14 MAY 1974 CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEASURES IN REGARD TO THE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES,
HAVING RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PURSUANCE OF THAT RESOLUTION,
NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALSO IN PURSUANCE OF THAT RESOLUTION,
REAFFIRMING ITS CONTINUED CONCERN FOR THE SCARCITY AND PREVAILING HIGH PRICES OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES,

(1) WELCOMES RESOLUTION 1/63 ADOPTED ON 19 JULY 1974 BY THE COUNCIL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (SEE E/L.1609) IN PURSUANCE OF THE REQUEST FOR ACTION EXPRESSED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND ESPECIALLY THE APPROVAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SCHEME; AND IN PURSUANCE OF THIS;

(A) REEMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SCHEME;

(B) CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SCHEME;

(C) APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND OTHER IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY TO THE FERTILIZER POOL IN THE FORM OF FERTILIZERS OR OF CASH;

(D)(I) INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO KEEP THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION INFORMED OF THEIR CURRENT FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AND TO
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SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR FERTILIZERS UNDER THAT SCHEME;

(II) INVITES ALSO THE GOVERNMENTS OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO KEEP THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION INFORMED REGULARLY OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FERTILIZERS AND OF PLANS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS TO MEET THE MINIMUM DEMAND OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(2) RE-EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING FERTILIZERS AND

AND PESTICIDES TO IMPLEMENT URGENTLY PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 1836 (LVI) WITH A VIEW TO MAKING AVAILABLE FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT REASONABLE PRICES;

(3) URGES GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENSURE WHEREVER POSSIBLE THAT LOW PRIORITY USES OF FERTILIZER ARE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM;

(4) CALLS UPON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER IN A POSITION TO DO SO, TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON THE SOFEST POSSIBLE TERMS THROUGH ALL APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS, TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THEIR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION;

(5) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION URGENTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS AND TO APPEAL FOR AN URGENT AND POSITIVE RESPONSE;

(6) REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION TO REPORT TO THE RESUMED FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THIS COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION 1/63 OF 19 JULY 1974. UNQTE.

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